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FROM: Jeff McGuire, OACP Executive Director

RE: Current Trucker-related Demonstrations

Since the start of the trucker's "convoy" two weeks ago, Ontario police services have faced significant challenges when it comes to maintaining public safety and order. The recent demonstrations in many parts of the province have represented a stiff test for the dedicated women and men of all our police services as law enforcement professionals and put tremendous pressure on them to keep our citizens and communities safe, while respecting the rights of citizens to protest peacefully.

I want to commend police leaders and other members of our association (including members of our Emergency Preparedness Committee) who have come together to share information and collaborate while proactively addressing the community safety needs related to the demonstrations. The challenges that we have been facing continue and will remain significant challenges for all police leaders and organizations.

As part of our efforts to bring these demonstrations to a positive resolution, confidence will be maintained in the police by our services communicating to the public and elected officials about our collective commitment to collaboration among police organizations. As police professionals, we need to be committed to public safety, keeping the peace, and applying enforcement measures consistently. It's important to resist sharing information with the general public or members of the media about a service's operational needs, including our discussions with government officials in relation to how they should support police operations. In other words, the public needs to see their

police leaders and police members confidently getting on with the important work of keeping our communities safe when it comes to demonstrations strategically intended to challenge police leaders and the capacity of policing.

Again, it is vitally important to highlight how police services are working collaboratively to proactively respond to emerging and ongoing demonstrations across Ontario, and that we are coordinating our efforts and resources strategically to prevent violence and serious injury, preserve lives, and protect critical infrastructure, while also acknowledging that Canadians have freedom of peaceful and lawful assembly.

In all our actions, it is important to ensure we continue to assess the risks and develop coordinated strategic responses to address the demonstrations specifically – and those that may come in the future.

Thank you for all you and your police service members have and are doing to support your police service personnel, both civilian and sworn, during these difficult times.

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